



## Let Your Beautiful Feet Speak | Romans 10:1-15

1. What do you make of Paul's passionate, heartfelt, commitment to prayer for the lost in verse 1? Chris said the word for 'prayer' means something like 'knocking robustly on the door of heaven'. Do you have 'sore knuckles' from knocking persistently and passionately for not-yet-Christians? Can you think of a time when you have prayed like this, and/or, (and it's okay to be honest), is this an area for growth?
2. Predestination! Argggghh!!! Romans 10 is an important parallel chapter with Romans 9 where Paul has been (arguably) arguing that God already knows who will be saved and who will not. Discuss this theological idea together and see what thoughts surface for and against it. Can you articulate any confusions which might arise?
3. What are the implications of your concluding thoughts to Q2? For example, can we just sit back and be spectators of what God is doing in the world (or not)? After all, if God already knows who will be saved (or not), what difference do our passionate prayers make (a) to God; (b) to ourselves and (c) to the unsaved person...? Is another person's salvation dependent upon our commitment to praying for them? Discuss.
4. In verse 4, Paul concludes that Jesus is the solution to the problem of 'lostness'. In verses 5-13, Paul unpacks why he's come to this conclusion based on the story of Israel/his own heritage. What are his key arguments? How do these points overlap with our journey through Galatians?
5. Why, do you think, does Paul keep cross-referencing quotes from the Old Testament in Romans 9 and 10? Is there a learning point for us here when it comes to sharing our faith (or being 'missional') with folk around us?
6. How can we know if a person is truly a disciple of Jesus or saved? Can a distinction even be made between these two words/realities? Does Paul's argument in verses 5-13 offer a definitive answer? How are these verses an encouragement and/or a challenge to you?
7. Based on verses 14-15, what would Paul say to St Francis of Assisi's misquoted and probably misattributed words, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. Speak if you have to'? Can we share the Gospel without using words? How does the way we live out our journey of discipleship help or hinder our verbal proclamation of the Gospel?
8. Discuss Dallas Willard's quote, 'Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you' alongside Mark Dever's quote, 'The Christian life is a disciplined life and a discipling life.' Pray for each other's disciplined and discipling lives. Knock on heaven's door for not-yet-Christian friends and family.